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Title: DISTRIBUTED
NETWORK
COMMUNICATION
SYSTEM WHICH
ENABLES MULTIPLE
NETWORK PROVIDERS
TO USE A COMMON
DISTRIBUTED
NETWORK
INFRASTRUCTURE

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	C16	M. Mouly, B. Pautet "The GSM System for Mobile Communications" 1992, XP002206125, pgs. 446-459.

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